

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 46, 47, 49 to 55, 57, 58, 60 to 71.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 46, 47, 49 to 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 64 to 66 and 70 are allowed and that claim 63 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, for reasons set forth below, it will become apparent that all of the claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

The above amendment is responsive to the rejection in Official Action paragraph 1, wherein the term "highly fluorinated" has been rejected as indefinite. Accordingly, the rejected claims are now amended from the disclosure of page 8, lines 22 to 24 of the specification.

The rejection of claim 56 in Official Action paragraph 2 is moot in view of the cancellation of this claim.

Claims 56, 59, 62, 67 to 69 and 71 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Harada et al. '231.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Harada et al. does not disclose a monomer having an adamantyl group wherein more than half the number of hydrogen atoms has been fluorinated. An adamantyl group itself is mentioned (paragraphs [0030], [0038] and the like), but it is not fluorinated.

The rejection of claims 56 and 59 is moot in view of their deletion.

Claims 56, 59, 62, 67 to 69 and 71 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuzawa.

This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Matsuzawa discloses an adamantyl group (paragraph [0027]) but it is not one where more than half the number of its hydrogen atoms are fluorinated; in Matsuzawa, there is "a fluorine substitution group in at least two carbon atoms constituting the alicycle and arranged alternately" (claim 1), and this includes adamantyl groups wherein half of the number of hydrogen atoms are substituted with fluorine atoms. On the other hand, Matsuzawa does not disclose an adamantyl

group wherein more than half the number of hydrogen atoms are fluorinated, and further having hydroxyl groups, as in Formula (1) of the specification of the present invention.

Further, claim 62 of the present application is a subordinate concept of the invention of claim 53, but there was no rejection of claim 53 other than the rejection on indefiniteness.

Thus, concerning the lack of novelty, neither Harada et al. nor Matsuzawa disclose a polymerizable monomer having at a side chain an adamantyl group wherein more than half the hydrogen atoms are fluorinated, and further having hydroxyl groups, as in Formula (1) of the specification of the present application.


There is also no suggestion or reasons set forth in Harada et al. or Matsuzawa to employ the highly fluorinated side chains as presently recited.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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